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Tax Collector's New Hours

Margaret E. Ferranti, town collector announced the new office hours starting Jan. 2. The office is open daily from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. every day but there will be no more Thurs. eve office hours.

PROPER CARE for ICE-DAMAGED TREES & SHRUBS

Many New England landscapes have been damaged by one of the worst ice storms in recent years. The Massachusetts Nurserymen's Association suggests that home owners have an opportunity now to help their outdoor plants recover from storm damage by taking the following few simple steps.

Trees receiving the greatest damage from broken branches have been the soft-wooded Chinese Elm, Silver Maple, Swamp Red Maple, Linden, Willow, Flowering Dogwood, and the clumps of Birch and Lilac. Several of these trees were planted for their rapid growth and their ability to provide shade and privacy. The MNA does not condemn the use of these trees for these reasons, but it does recommend that they be planted safely away from homes, streets, and utility wires. The greatest damage from broken branches and cracked bark will be infection from decay which can eventually destroy the tree. Branch stubs and jagged wounds should be cut smooth and flush with the trunk, or with the next largest branches. These wounds should be protected from infection by covering them properly with tree healing paint.

Many branches which have been bent or cracked can be saved if they are tied securely and positioned properly and if exposed wood along the cracks is painted. Large branches which have been cracked slightly should be pruned so there will be less weight to support during the years needed for complete healing.

Evergreens with weak or multiple trunks show the usual bending and breaking. Arborvitae, Juniper, and Columnar Yews are most often injured by ice or snow. Most of these injured branches will be saved by tying them to each other, to a stick, or to a building after the ice and the branches have thawed. Frozen or ice-covered branches may be damaged if handled carelessly before thawing. Serious injury can also result from pouring water on frozen evergreens and shrubs.

The MNA points out that proper landscape plants are a valuable part of most home properties. Their value and beauty will be increased with a few minutes of protective care before future winter storms threaten more damage.

Agawam Coin Club Meet

On Wed., Jan. 15, at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Baptist Church the Agawam Coin Club will have as its speaker, Mr. Joseph Secondo, who will speak on the subject, "U.S. War Decorations of the Civil War, Spanish American War and W.W.I." Mr. Secondo will also have a display of medals from the Civil War to the present. Any veteran or other interested person is cordially invited to attend. There will be a short business meeting, an auction, a raffle, door prize and refreshments.

TODAY'S AGRI-FACT: One of the reasons that today's apples, even from standard storage in mid-winter, are firmer than they were years ago, is because they are sprayed with growth-regulators that delay maturity and reduce "premature drop," at fall harvest time.

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METCO - YES OR NO?

by Florence Moreno

Last December 5, there was a column written by Robert and Sonia Whelan, of West Springfield, in the W.S. Record, entitled "Metco - Yes or No?" This was so well written, that with the permission of the authors, I am re-printing it here intact. I hope my readers will find it as interesting as I did.

METCO-YES OR NO?

by Robert and Sonia Whelan

We were among the 400 town residents who attended the presentation of the METCO PLAN to West Springfield on November 14th. It is well to witness democracy in action as it was revealed in this open school committee meeting. As in any new situation, fear was also revealed. Fear is totally justified in many instances but it is when fear clouds our judgment that we must examine it honestly. These are the fears most often voiced, and our answers to them.

1. "How much will it cost the town?"

Answer: Nothing. The money has already been appropriated by a special committee under state law to reimburse towns for their participation in the METCO PLAN, thereby relieving racially imbalanced schools and providing equal educational opportunities.

2. "That just means money out of our pockets through taxes."

Answer: The premise is correct. But be realistic! There are billions of dollars currently being spent on government programs in a belated attempt to correct the failures related back to substandard, segregated schools; school drop-outs, unemployment, delinquency, crime, illiteracy, ignorance and perpetuated poverty. This is where our tax dollars are going. They would be better spent on prevention through improved education, in attitudes as well as academics.

3. "We are already overcrowded. We have no more room for additional children."

Answer: When you say "overcrowded" you are probably referring to the ideal figure of 25 children to a classroom. In some cases we have more than the ideal figure. If we need a new elementary school in West Springfield, it will NOT be because of the addition of METCO children, but because of the normal resident growth of the town. The process of education will not be hindered by the addition of 20-25 children scattered throughout the total system.

4. "Negro children from slum areas might drag down the educational level of our own children."

Answer: The Negro families in question are carefully screened before being accepted into the METCO PLAN. The students are average to above average. Psychologically poorly adjusted children are eliminated and parental attitudes are also weighed. This is far more screening than we have experienced in presenting our own children for school.

5. "Our own children may be bussed to different schools."

Answer: There is NO possibility within the METCO PLAN of "reversed bussing;" of sending our children to ghetto schools.

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Office of the Planning Board

The Agawam Planning Board cordially invites all interested citizens of the Town to attend the public hearings to be held at the Agawam Jr. High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 14, 1969.

8:00 P.M. Amend the Zoning By-Law, Residence B so that it will now read: No lot shall have a frontage of less than 100 feet on a street or an area less than twelve thousand square feet.

8:30 P.M. Amend the Zoning By-Law, Residence B by deleting from said section, paragraph (3) which reads: A dwelling house of not more than four families.

9:00 P.M. Zone change from Residence A-2 to Business A for a parcel of land at the intersection of Main and Reed Streets.

9:30 P.M. Amend present A-3 Zoning By-Law.

Congress and Conservation - 1968

On the positive side, 1968's accomplishments included: The Land and Water Conservation Fund was strengthened. Two new national parks were created - Redwood and North Cascades. A National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and a National Trails System were established. Several areas were added to the nation's wilderness system.

On the negative side, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1968 originated in the House Public Works Committee - weakened safeguards enacted in previous years to protect parks and recreation areas from encroachment by highways and airports and virtually emasculated the Highway Beautification Act. The same House Public Works Committee failed to act early enough on proposed amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The delay and a lobbying campaign in the closing days of the 90th Congress resulted in the death of needed improvements in the water pollution control law.

Then there were these mixed

JCettes MEETING

Mrs. Richard Handy, President of the Agawam JCette, will conduct an orientation meeting in her home, at 2284 Westfield St., West Springfield, on Tues. eve Jan. 14th starting at 8:00 P.M.

The history of the Agawam chapter as well as the purposes and aims of the JCette organization will be discussed in depth.

All members are urged to attend.

blessings: Congress passed the first federal legislation designed to cope with the problem of noise pollution. But the new law's potential effectiveness is doubtful. Congress passed a weakened bill calling for an inventory and study of the nation's estuaries, fast being polluted or filled. But Congress appropriated no funds for the study.

OFFSHORE OIL POLLUTION CONTROL "ESSENTIAL"

"Offshore installations such as drilling rigs are potentially serious contributors to pollution of our beaches, shellfish beds, and swimming areas. Their control is as essential, if not more so, than that of passing vessels; therefore we urge the House to accept this compromise." So said Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee, on October 12, 1968. The House did not accept the compromise and this dispute on oil pollution control was one of the reasons for the death of all amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in 1968.

ARMORIES

RENOVATION goes to REINHARDT

The Springfield architectural and engineering firm of Reinhardt Associates, Inc., has begun preliminary meetings with Mass. National Guard officials in preparation for renovation programs the firm will direct at National Guard armories in Orange and Holyoke.

Reinhardt Associates' official Douglas C. Goodman said the two armory contracts cover \$42,000 worth of work at each location.

The contract was awarded the firm by the Mass. Bureau of Building Construction.

Mr. Goodman said this is the first major renovation program at the two armories in recent years.

Following meetings with National Guard officials plans will be prepared, and it is anticipated that the work will get under way during 1969.

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Toads in the Garden

Aside from birds, there is another, more prosaic but effective insect eater — the toad.

True friend of the gardener, nearly 90 per cent of the toad's food consists of insects and other small creatures, most of which are harmful. In 3 months a toad will eat up to 10,000 insects, 16 per cent of which are cutworms. Mr. Toad delights on slugs and mole crickets. And golf course operators are aware of this fact. One Southern club pays for a children's Saturday movie matinee every spring. Price of admission? A toad.

The toad relishes other pests too. Yellow jackets, wasps, rose beetles, spiders, ants, moths, caterpillars, flies and squash bugs are all on its menu. In parts of Europe, toads are collected and brought to market, where they are bought by horticulturists. And before the advent of insecticides, tidy housewives kept a few toads in the house to eat cockroaches and other insect pests.

Toads, like people, feel there is no place like home, and possess a certain amount of homing instinct. So if you import yours from a distance, keep them penned up for a while so they can adjust to their new environment. After a spring rain, small toads can be found and collected in swampy, marshy lands and around shallow ponds.

To encourage toads to stay in your garden, set out several toad houses. These are easily made with clay flower pots turned upside down. Break a small hole in the side for a door and bury them several inches in the ground, preferably under evergreen shrubbery. The toad must have access to water, so keep a shallow pan filled in the garden. Toads must sit in the water, as they drink through their skins, not through their mouths.

Toads are night workers and do their good deeds when the sun goes down. In summer, you can watch your toads at work by turning on a yard light. In capturing various forms of insects, Mr. Toad is seldom interested in motionless food. Apparently only animate objects make an impression on its sensory apparatus. A toad's tongue is attached at the far end of its mouth, and is free behind. So it is an organ especially developed for flicking forward and capturing moving insects.

If weather is moderate, toads remain active from March to the middle of November. During the winter months they hibernate in the ground. And statements claiming they are found under leaves, boards, or stones probably mean that Mr. Toad was a bit hasty in emerging in the spring.

Springly, toads actually respond to friendly treatment. When kept as pets they can distinguish between two people. And like other pets, they can be trained to a call for food. As an added bonus, the male toad has a song ringing with peace and tranquility. Could you ever find these ingredients in a can of poison spray? — Beulah Woods Allen

The Town of Agawam takes pains to exclude the poor and "undesirable". Our zoning laws effectively screen out low income families, and still we maintain that the Springfield slums are not our concern. Multiply this by the length and breadth of America, and where will you point the finger of guilt? You and I, Mr. and Mrs. Middle Class White Suburbia, sit on our comfortable zoning restrictions and the sign reads — "PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB".

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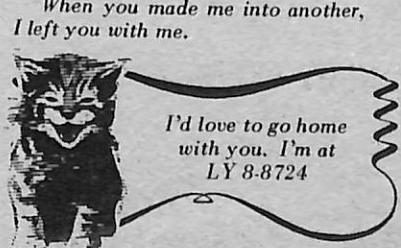
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**FTC OPPOSES CIGARET COMMERCIALS**

Another powerful voice in America life has joined the chorus of objection to cigarette advertising.

The Federal Trade Commission, whose members are Presidential appointees charged with protecting business and the consumer from undesirable trade practices, included this forthright sentence in its midyear report to Congress: "Cigarette advertising on television and radio should be banned."

As an alternative proposal, the commission suggested that broadcast advertising of cigarettes "should be limited as to the hours at which it may appear; the extent to which it may appear; and the types of programs on which it may appear."

The intention of course is to protect juvenile and adolescent minds from the subtle and not-so-subtle appeals sometimes directed at them by the cigarette advertisers. Nowadays many young smokers start in their early teens or even before, whereas a generation ago the common starting age of regular smoking was 16 or well over. This change underlines the effectiveness with which cigarette merchants hammer away at their message that smoking is the manly, or the success-related, or the sexy, or the "in" thing to do.

The abolition or curtailment of radio-TV advertising is only one of several suggestions made by the FTC for dealing with the cigarette hazard. Such miracles of reform seldom sweep through Congress without widespread public clamor for their passage. Here is a cause that might appeal, to all parents, friends and well-wishers of teenage people.

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Air Force

THULE, Greenland — David A. Fairbanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Fairbanks, Regency Park Apts., Agawam, Mass., was promoted to staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Sergeant Fairbanks, a space tracking specialist at Thule AB, Greenland, was a member of the Aerospace Defense Command and has just finished his tour of duty.

He was a 1962 graduate of Algonquin Regional High School, Northboro, Mass., attended Worcester (Mass.) Junior College.

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People are forever trying to pass off all kinds of phony coins on bus drivers; when they're caught at it some sharp words are likely to be exchanged. One Washington driver handled such an incident with a deft touch. "Madam," he called pleasantly to the woman who had just passed him, "I think you've mistakenly deposited a rare and valuable foreign coin instead of a token."

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**Burkitt's Lymphoma**

A type of cancer common in Africa, called Burkitt's lymphoma, is of great interest to U.S. scientists because it responds well to drug treatment, and is believed to be a virus-caused form of cancer. The disease is under intensive study in the hope that it will provide clues to more effective treatment of patients with related forms of cancer.

Burkitt's lymphoma is a form of cancer affecting the lymphatic system, the part of the circulatory system that plays a major role in a person's ability to fight infection. It is usually confined to one or two regions of the body—particularly the jaw and abdomen. Although a few cases of this disease have been reported in the United States and Europe, it occurs most frequently among African children.

The disease was first identified by Denis Burkitt, a British surgeon who reported his findings in 1958 while at Makerere College Medical School in Kampala, Uganda. In 1960 he pioneered the use of drugs in the treatment of the lymphoma and found that 15 to 20 percent of his patients responded favorably.

Burkitt's lymphoma is usually found in a geographic belt extending across central Africa from east to west. The disease occurs almost exclusively at elevations below 5,000 feet and at temperatures above 60 degrees Fahrenheit, in regions where the annual rainfall is greater than 20 inches. This low, humid area is the habitat of man-biting mosquitoes, among which are known carriers of viral diseases.

So far, two types of virus particles have been identified in specimens from patients with Burkitt's lymphoma. One is a herpes type virus, similar in size and shape to the family of

viruses that cause fever sores and shingles. The other is closely related to the so-called reovirus, which is widespread in man but is not known to cause any major diseases. These virus particles are being studied intensively in an attempt to find out whether Burkitt's lymphoma is caused by either of them.

Chemotherapy (the use of drugs) is the preferred treatment for Burkitt's lymphoma. Drugs used include methotrexate, cyclophosphamide, vinristine, cytoxan, orthomeric-phalan, and melphalan. Of 245 patients treated by various groups of investigators in Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda, 38 patients survived without further evidence of cancer for one to seven years after the start of therapy. This is one of the best remission rates achieved by drugs in the treatment of human cancer.

Under terms of a research contract signed recently by the National Institutes of Health and African medical authorities, a Lymphoma Treatment Center has been established at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. Particular study will be given to patients with Burkitt's lymphoma at the new Center.

The responses of African patients treated with drugs and stimulation of their immune systems (the body's defense mechanism against disease) will be measured and compared with responses of American patients with lymphoma and related types of cancer receiving similar treatment at the National Cancer Institute, a component of the National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, Maryland.

Findings will be correlated with an ongoing National Cancer Institute study of environmental and genetic factors that may affect an African's development of lymphoma and his response to treatment.

Well, What Do You Know?

fun, games and knowledge



By MARTHA GLAUBER SHAPP, Editor, *The New Book of Knowledge*

Does a larger brain mean greater intelligence?

Not necessarily. For instance, man is the most intelligent member of the animal kingdom, yet his brain is smaller and weighs less than those of some animals. Man's brain weighs about 3 pounds, while an elephant's weighs about 10 pounds. The clue to intelligence may be in the cortex, the surface covering of the brain. Intelligence seems to be related to the amount of folding in the cortex.

How do ants find their way?

Some ants get their bearings from landmarks. Others use the direction of the sun's rays. It has also been found that some ants lay scent trails as they walk along, by touching the tips of their abdomens to the ground from time to time. As they do this they secrete the scent. In some cases scent patches also have a shape that tells other ants the direction in which the first ant was traveling. You can demonstrate this by reversing a chip or some such object over which a column of ants is passing. The ants at once become confused. It is as if an arrow had been turned backward.

Who were the cliff dwellers?

The cliff dwellers were the ancestors of the Pueblo Indians. They were called the Anasazi, an Indian word for "Ancient Ones." The Anasazi lived mainly in the area now known as Four Corners—the area where Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah meet. The cliff dwellers are remembered for their great stone villages built on the tops of mesas

or on the terraced sides of cliffs. Some of these structures stood several stories high. Cliff Palace at Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado contained more than 100 rooms.

How does night change into day?

The earth rotates, or spins, on its axis from west to east. The direction of the earth's rotation makes the sun appear to rise in the east and set in the west. The earth makes a complete rotation once every 24 hours. This is the earth's day. As each part of the



earth faces the sun, it is in daylight. As it faces away it is in night. At any one time during the earth's day, about half of the earth is in daylight while the other half is in night. You can show how the earth rotates and how night changes into day. Place a lighted flashlight on a table. Hold an orange in the flashlight beam and rotate the orange. The part of the orange lighted by the beam is in daylight, and the other part is in night. In the same way, day and night are caused by the earth's rotation.

Legal Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of EDWARD D. PRENTISS late of Agawam, in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by MAX C. ABRAMS of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, praying that he or some other suitable person be appointed administrator with the Will annexed of said estate.

If you desire thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-eighth day of January 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of December 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Jan. 9, 16, 23

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of SILVIO MARTINELLI late of Agawam, in said County, deceased.

The executrix of the will of said SILVIO MARTINELLI has presented to said Court for allowance her first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-fourth day of January 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH Esquire, First Judge of Said Court, this third day of December 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
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Coaches, athletes and fans are reminded of the invitation to attend a free track & field clinic featuring some of the country's top coaches and Olympians this weekend on the eve of the famed Knights of Columbus Meet in Boston.

The third annual clinic, sponsored by H.P. Hood & Sons' Physical Fitness Program in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Meet, will be held Fri. (Jan. 10) at 8 P.M. in the Madison Room of the Hotel Madison, adjoining Boston Garden.

Headline speakers will include Boston University's Billy Smith (middle-distance running and hurdles), MIT's Art Farnham (long-distance running), UConn's Bob Kennedy (field events), former Olympian and many-time national champion Bob Backus (special weight training programs) and Mexico City Bronze Medal winner George Young (distance training methods).

Discussions will cover all major track & field events and training at both high school and collegiate levels.

Knights of Columbus Meet director Ding Dussault of Tufts will coordinate the clinic for the Hood dairy company, and a snack will be served following the clinic.

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Consumer news

Do you know that...

The young man "working his way through college" who sold you that magazine sub. not only doesn't attend college, but has no intention of going to college and is probably laughing his way to the bank...

The Co. advertising a beautiful, large swimming pool for \$600 won't sell it to you at that price, but they'll be happy to sign you up for a \$3000 one...

The nice man who offers to put aluminum siding on your house and use it as a "model" home will have you sign up for a \$4000 mortgage and will foreclose if you don't pay him...

The transmission repair shop to which you bring your car for an estimate may remove parts and replace them with "junk" parts while they are "examining" it...

The frozen food plan that lets you "feed your family for \$15 a week!" includes signing a contract to buy a freezer costing you \$700 more than it would from a store...

The wig labeled "100% finest human hair" may well be synthetic...

The call your husband got from "Murphy down at the station" asking him to take an ad in the "Police Digest" was from a phony police organization...and that women aren't the only ones who get fooled by fast talking con men?

Do you know that...

If you have been cheated in one of these, or countless other ways, you are not alone? For some businessmen, everyday is sock-it-to-me time for consumers, not only in Mass but throughout the nation.

In 1967, immediately upon assuming the office of Attorney Gen.

.....From Attorney General, Elliot L. Richardson.

I established as part of my office a Consumer Protection Div. which would investigate, and, if necessary, prosecute violations of our state's laws in the area of consumer fraud, deceptive advertising practices and conspiracies to fix prices.

The C.P.D. is taking vigilant action against the frauds outlined above and other illegal activities. Its investigations have resulted in numerous Assurances of Discontinuance being entered into with companies or individuals engaging in unlawful activities, and the issuing of court injunctions and civil and criminal complaints.

Nevertheless, as active as this Division may be in curtailing fraud, the best protection against fraud still is an informed consumer. Through the good auspices of this paper, I have the opportunity to bring to you the benefits of our experience working with consumer problems and consumer frauds.

In the weeks to come, I will discuss with you in this column the many pitfalls which await the unwary in the market-place, alert you to some common deceptive practices against which you should guard, tell you about some of the organizations which exist to also aid you and describe the work of my office and the laws which exist to protect consumers in Mass. Read it and become a more informed consumer.

The C.P.D. exists to help you and to remedy consumer complaints. If you have one contact: Attorney General Elliot Richardson, Consumer Protection Division, State House, Boston, 02133.



BY JANE ASHLEY

Variations On A Sauce

A recipe for a good medium white sauce is handy whether dressing up fish, vegetables or croquettes.

Medium White Sauce

- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup milk

Melt margarine in saucepan. Blend in corn starch, salt and pepper. Remove from heat. Gradually add milk, mixing until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens, comes to boil and boils 1 minute. Vary and use as suggested below. Makes about 1 cup.

For Fish: Mix in 2 tablespoons toasted chopped blanched almonds or 1/4 cup finely shredded cheese.

For Asparagus, Broccoli or Spinach: Mix in 2 chopped hard cooked eggs.

For Croquettes, Fish Cakes or Boiled Potatoes: Mix in 1 tablespoon chopped parsley.



By Martha Brandt

ENTERTAINING NOTIONS

Planning a party? Plot your way out of panic with time-saving sprays to add gaiety without adding to the time you have to spend on decking the halls any time in the year. Here are a few ideas for making instant party atmosphere.

For the windows: If nature's a slow poke during winter, try trimming your windows with a splash of one of the glass cleaner sprays. The touch of "frost" around the edges of the windows adds a pretty backdrop to lights — and the aerosol cleaner makes post-party grime melt faster than a snowflake.

For a gay buffet: Looking for a new backdrop for the punch bowl? Spray-paint an old tray in green, gold, or silver, drop a little glitter dust on it before the paint dries. If you use either a silver or glass punch bowl, both the sprayed-on color and glitter will reflect in the bowl.

Wet weather protection: If you're giving a party and it rains, snows or hails — expect boots and rubbers to be added to the decor. Try spraying the bottom of a plastic runner with skid-proof spray, then spray gold paint on the corners (and maybe an initial or your name if you're really inspired). This makes an instant "welcome mat" for foul weather footgear.

Did you count the canapes? Sometimes the largest mound of appetizers can melt faster than the ice in the punch bowl. Keep several kinds of aerosol cheese spread and extra boxes of crackers at the ready in the kitchen. Then if you run short, you won't short change your guests — you can spray a tray of canapes in about five minutes.

Guest supplies: While you're fixing up the house — don't forget the extra, small-size aerosols to keep in guest bathrooms or wherever the ladies freshen up. A hint for these: personalize them by spraying a wall shelf with initials or a rim of the same color you're using as your party color. It all helps to personalize a party with pushbuttons.

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Nicholas Demho Becomes Junior Member of the American Angus Association

Nicholas Demho, 16, Agawam, has been granted junior membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announces Lloyd D. Miller, Secretary.

This new junior membership entitles the member to register purebred Angus at regular membership rates and to the privileges of the Association until the age of 21. At that time junior members are eligible to convert to lifetime memberships in the Association.

There were 178 young people in the United States to receive junior memberships last month.

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AGAWAM JR WOMEN

A 14th District combined meeting of the Agawam Jr. Women's Club, The South Hadley Jr. Women's Club and the Ramopogue Jr. Women's Club will be held Mon., Jan. 13 at the church of The Good Shepherd in West Springfield at 8:00 P.M.

The clubs will host the following State Federation guests. Mrs. Clarence F. Clark, Pres. of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Paul E. Congdon, V.P. and Counselor to Jr. Membership; Mrs. Albie R. Petruzzo, Director of Jr. Membership; Mrs. Franklin B. Hignett, Assistant Director; Mrs. Gary Lockwood, Public Affairs Chairman, and Mrs. William J. Miller, member of the State Nominating Committee.

Mrs. John H. Bodurtha, 14th District Representative, will conduct the meeting.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. George Millman, humorist, whose topic will be "A Young Man's Fancy". Hostesses representing each club for the evening are Mrs. Rene Leclerc, South Hadley, Mrs. Edward Shore, Ramopogue, and Mrs. Jeremiah C. Quill, Agawam.

SCHOOL MENUS

January 13 - 17

MILK SERVED WITH ALL MEALS

PHELPS SCHOOL

MON.: veg. soup, PB & jelly sand., cheese sticks, orange wedges, cookie, TUES.: ju., ov. fr. chick., crnby sc., mash. pot., ker. corn, B&B, ice cream. WED.: ju., hmbg. on bun, slic. onions & rel. but. car., choco. ck. w/but. icing. THURS.: ju., toasted hm. & cheese roll, but. gr. beans, pot. chips, PB sand., peaches, FRI.: fish sticks, ov. bk. beans, cab. & car. salad, B&B, Mary Jane cake.

GRANGER SCHOOL

MON.: ju., frank on bun, rel. & must., pot. chips, but. veg., apple crisp, TUES.: ju., hm. & cheese on roll, pot. sticks, ker. corn, white ck. w/fudge sauce, WED.: shell mac., w/mnt. & tom. sauce, but. gr. beans, B&B, slic. peaches, THURS.: oven. fr. chick., par pot., but. beets, B&B, jello w/whip., top. FRI.: ju., gril. cheese sand., but. car., spice ck.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON.: bf. pot pie w/pot. top., but. lf. spin., PB & jelly sand., slic. peaches, TUES.: orng. ju., gril. frank., hash brown pot., but. gr. beans, cheese squares, B&B, choco. pud. w/top., WED.: turk. rice soup w/veg., turk. salad sand., car. & cel. sticks, cit. fruit cup, PB cookie, THURS.: bk. mac. w/hmbg. & tom., but. car., cheese or PB sand., fruit. jello w/top. FRI.: orng. ju., tuna pot. as gratin, but. peas, B&B, choco. ck. w/but icing.

DANAHY SCHOOL

MON.: ju., frank on roll, car. & peas, applesauce ck., TUES.: veg. soup, mt. sand., & PB sand., cookies, car. sticks, fr. fruit, WED.: mac. w/mnt. sc., br. beans, cheese wedge, B&B, peaches, THURS.: ju., tst. hm & cheese, pot. chips, mix. veg., cookies, fruit, FRI.: ju., tuna sand., PB sand., cab. & car. salad, pot. chips, cookies, fruit.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON.: orng. ju., turk. noodle soup w/veg., cel. sticks, chop. hm. salad on rye, cit. cup, TUES.: bk. shell mac. w/mnt. & tom. sc., fruit slaw salad, Pb on rye, apple crisp, WED.: chick. in gry. on mash. pot., crnby sc., peas & car., but. pan biscuit., spic. ck. w/fruit top., THURS.: orng. ju., bk. hash, but. broc., PB & honey on rye, krunch bars, FRI.: bk. beans., fish cake, cab. & car. salad, hm. Yeast roll, cit. jello w/top.,

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

MON.: orng. ju., mt. ball. grinders w/sc., cab. & car. salad, pineapple ck. w/top., TUES.: tom. soup, car. sticks, hm. & rel. sand., PB cookie orng wedge., WED.: cit. ju., frank on roll., must. & rel. but. corn, pot. chips, raisin ck. w/but. frost., THURS.: shell mac. w/mnt. sc., but. gr. beans, PB sand., slic. peaches, FRI.: ju., tuna fish sand., PB sand., fr. fries, but. car. fruit.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: slop. joe on bun, but. car., fruit, cup, PB cookie, TUES.: ju., grinders, pot. chips, pickles, apricot sc. w/cookie, WED.: hmbg. on bun., gr. beans, PB sand., slic. peaches, THURS.: ju., mac. w/mnt. balls, cab. car. salad, fruit cup, B&B, cookie. FRI.: ju., gril. cheese sand., hm. bk. beans, tos. salad, but. ck. w/choco. sc.,

HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: orng. ju., cold cut. grind., let. & tom. slices, PB sand., walnut ck. w/b. icing, TUES.: el. mac. w/tom., mt. & cheese sauce., cab. & car. salad, B&B, apricot upside down ck., WED.: orng. ju., tst. hm. & cheese roll, But. gr. beans, PB sand., apple crisp, THURS.: hmbg. gravy, mash. pot., but. spin., B&B, peaches, FRI.: orng. ju., tuna sailboat, gard. salad w/spin. grns., PB sand., blueberry pie square.

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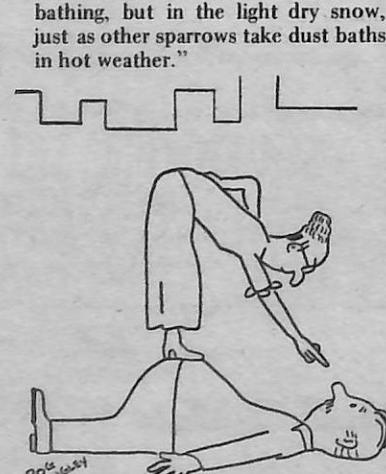
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